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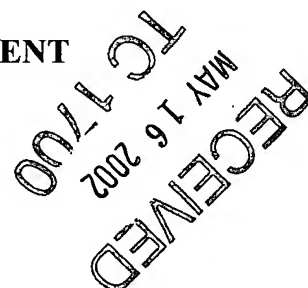
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For : MACHINE AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A FIBER MATERIAL WEB

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231



Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following information for the Examiner's consideration:

The following documents were cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98 (a)-(c) in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 filed December 13, 1999, of which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

(1) SCHUWERK, "NipcoFlex Shoe Presses for Writings and Printings -- Concepts and Initial Operating Experience," Voith Sulzer Paper Technology, Presented at the PITA Conference "Water Removal 95," York, England (1995).

(2) German Patent Application No. 196 54 197 published June 25, 1998;

(3) German Patent Application No. 196 54 198 published June 25, 1998;

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- (4) International Publication No. WO 98/00604 published January 8, 1998;
- (5) German Patent No. 42 24 730 issued September 2, 1993;
- (6) European Patent Application No. 0 852 273 published July 8, 1998;
- (7) European Patent Application No. 0 289 477 published November 2, 1988;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,976,820 issued to LAAPOTTI December 11, 1990;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,092,962 issued to KOSKI March 3, 1992;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,164,047 issued to KOSKI November 17, 1992;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,004,429 issued to SCHIEL December 21, 1999;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,795,440 issued to AMPULSKI et al August 18, 1998;
- (13) International Publication No. WO 97/43483 published November 20, 1997;

The following documents were cited by the Examiner during the examination of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 of which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,083,349 issued to SCHIEL July 2000;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 4,324,613 issued to WAHREN April 13, 1982; and
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,043,046 issued to LAPPOTTI August 27, 1991.

As copies of the above-listed documents were provided in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 filed December 23, 1999, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP 609, no copies are included herewith. However, Applicants have enclosed a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents, and the Examiner

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is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

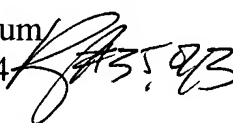
Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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